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SUBJECT: BELGIUM APPEALS TO SPAIN TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO BURGOS PAIR

1. BELGAIN MFA ISSUED STATEMENT SEPTEMBER 3 ANNOUNCING
THAT GOVERNMENT HAD APPEALED TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT
TO GRANT CLEMENCY TO THE TWO BASQUE TERRORISTS
SENTENCED TO DEATH BY BRUGOS COURT.

2. STATEMENT SAID: "BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE KNOWN
TO SPANISH GOVERNMENT THE STRONG EMOTION AROUSED IN
BELGIUM AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE SENTENCING TO DEATH
OF JOSE ANTONIO GARMENDIA AND ANGEL OTAEGUI. BASING
ITS ACTION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS, THE GOVERNMENT
HAS MADE A STRONG APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY AS WAS DONE
AFTER THE SENTENCING OF SALVADOR PUIG ANTICH."

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3. AT SAME TIME EXECUTIVE BUEEAU OF CHRISTIAN
TRADE UNION FEDERATION (CSG) SENT PROTEST TELEGRAM
TO GENERAL FRANCO AND APPEALED TO SPANISH PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER TO INTERVENE IN
BEHALF OF CONDMNED.

4. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT'S CLEMENCY APPEAL REFLECTS
WIDESPREAD BELGAIN REACTION AGAINST BURGOS
SENTENCES, BY NO MEANS CONFINED TO COMMUNIST OR OTHER
LEFTIST CIRCLES. RENNER

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